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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 18, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Julio Caesar Valenzuela was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge Roger T. Benitez to serve 57 months in prison based on Valenzuela's conviction on February 9, 2007, for one count of Bank Robbery arising from his robbing the Bank of the West on Center Drive in La Mesa on October 18, 2006.

According to Assistant United States Attorney William M. Narus, who prosecuted the case, Valenzuela admitted in a plea agreement that he robbed the Bank of the West on Center Drive in La Mesa of \$2,094, and that he committed the following additional bank robberies: on October 28, 2006, he stole \$1,095 from the Union Bank of California on University Avenue in San Diego; on October 11, 2006, he stole \$800 from the Wells Fargo Bank on First Avenue in San Diego; and on October 5, 2006, he stole \$500 from the Bank of the West on Fourth Avenue in San Diego. Valenzuela also admitted to attempting to rob a Washington Mutual Bank on Mission Center Drive in San Diego on September 30, 2006.

The Court ordered Valenzuela to pay restitution of \$4,489, the amount he took from the four banks, and imposed a \$100 special assessment fee for the count of conviction. Judge Benitez also ordered Valenzuela to serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06CR2403-BEN

Julio Caesar Valenzuela

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Count One - 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) (Bank Robbery)

AGENCIES

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